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1. APPROPRIATE COUNTRY TEAM PERSONNEL HAVE CONDUCTED AN INFORMAL ASSESSMENT OF GOI ABILITY TO SAFEGUARD US CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFORMATION. MISSION JUDGMENT IS THAT IRAN IS APPLYING GOOD SECURITY PRACTICES TO THAT END; NO FORMAL SECURITY SURVEY IS CURRENTLY NEEDED.

2. INFORMAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPERIAL IRANIAN ARMED FORCES (IIADF) ABILITY TO SAFEGUARD US CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFORMATION IS BASED ON LONG AND SHORT TERM OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF ARMISH/MAAG PERSONNEL. TYPE OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION PASSED TO IIADF CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF TRAINING AND TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS UP TO SECRET. PRIOR DOD APPROVAL FOR RELEASE OF THE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL IS OBTAINED IN EACH CASE.

3. IIADF HAVE WRITTEN REGULATIONS GOVERNING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION, AND CONTROL IT IN A VERY STRINGENT MANNER. OBSERVATION INDICATES IIADF PROVIDE SAME PROTECTION TO US CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AS TO THEIR OWN. OBSERVATION INDICATES GOOD PHYSICAL SECURITY AS WELL AS PERSONNEL ACCESS PRACTICES. WHERE SHORTCOMINGS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IIADF HAVE TAKEN IMMEDIATE STEPS TO CORRECT PROCEDURES.

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4. MISSION DOES NOT SEE ANY NEED TO CHANGE LEVELS OF
CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFORMATION RELEASABLE TO IRAN, AS
CONTAINED IN NDP-1/6.
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